

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 are all the claims pending in the application. The Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on January 9, 2006 has been forced into entry by way of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith. Therefore, the status indicators of claims 1-16 in this amendment indicate the status of the claims after entry of the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on January 9, 2006.

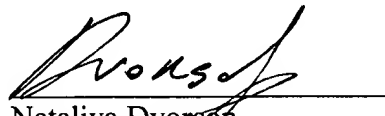
By this Amendment, Applicant adds claims 17 and 18. Claims 17 and 18 are clearly supported throughout the specification *e.g.*, pages 1-3 of the specification. Claims 17 and 18 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claims 1 and 7, respectively.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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